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FROM EUROPE.

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

Mr. Windham ſtated the whole force for which proviſions were to be made, was 196,674 men: in this were reckoned not only the home army, known under the heads of guards and garriſons, in which were included the troops in Guernſey and Jerſey, but alſo the troops ſerving abroad, under the name of plantation army, including all thoſe in the Weſt-Indies, Nova Scotia, and Gibraltar: in ſhort, in all our colonies, excepting thoſe in the Eaſt-Indies, which were on a different eſtabliſhment. The expence of the whole of thoſe, and all the appendages, he ſtated to amount to the ſum of 5,190,721l. This the committee would ſee was ſomewhat, though very little ſhort of the laſt year's eſtimate. The committee, however, were not to look upon this as a ſaving, becauſe the other eſtimates not preſented would contain ſome additional expences; but the whole, he was ſure, taken together, would not exceed thoſe of the laſt year. The home army of guards and garriſons, he ſtated to amount to 60,765 men.

The remainder, or Plantation troops to 64,277—on the former of theſe there was an exceſs over that of laſt year of 11,546—and on the other there was a diminution of 11,641. Deducting that exceſs from the diminution, there was ſome ſmall reduction on the whole.

Having thus ſtated the various eſtimates under their reſpective heads, he moved a reſolution, that a number of men, not leſs than 60,765, be employed for the preſent year.

Gen. Tarleton ſaid there was one branch of expence which he thought ought to be ſaved, recruiting money. If we abandoned our old mode of raiſing men by beat of drum, for the new French mode of requiſition, there could be no occaſion for laviſhing money on the recruiting ſervice.

The expence of the laſt year for the army alone amounted, he ſaid, to the whole revenues of the country, as it ſtood on the year prior to the commencement of the war.—How then, he wiſhed to know, were the other expences to be defrayed, particularly as we were going to raiſe an additional force of no leſs than one hundred and three thouſand men? This was a ſerious conſideration for the Houſe of Commons, particularly for a new parliament. There were many other things upon which he might enter, but he owed it to the ſituation of the country not to do ſo. As to the reſources for theſe expences, he could not ſee where they were—Our conqueſts were rather borrowed from our allies than taken from our enemies. He hoped they would not be an obſtruction to pacification. Laſt year there was a kind of royal promiſe, that there ſhould be great operations in the Weſt-Indies; but, if we looked to the Weſt-Indies, either in a general view of the whole, or particular iſlands, there was no cauſe to triumph, and it would remain ſo, till that gentleman, Victor Hughes, was diſlodged.

The chancellor of the exchequer brought in the bill for enabling his majeſty to require the proviſional aſſiſtance of certain perſons, in order to form a body of cavalry, which was read a firſt time, and ordered to be read a ſecond time to-morrow.

EXPORTATION OF CORN.

Mr. Rider prefaced his motion with obſerving that though ſome reduction had taken place in the prices of corn, the committee would doubtleſs ſee the propriety of continuing the regulations which were already in exiſtence, with reſpect to that article, and of ſtill holding out inducements to its importation, and reſtrictions on exportation. The act which was at preſent in force on the ſubject, went to three points: to the prevention of the exportation of corn, to the importation of other proviſions. The price of corn, it was true, was ſtill ſuch as to warrant a ſuppoſition that exportation would be prevented by it; but as in a particular diſtrict the fluctuation of the market might conſiderably reduce that price, he thought it for the general intereſt of the country that the laws now in force concerning corn ſhould be continued; leſt this local reduction of its value ſhould be the occaſion of its exportation. All other proviſions were at a price which would render the other part of the act ſtill of uſe. He ſhould therefore move a reſolution for continuing the act of laſt ſeſſion, with the amendment of two clauſes, which, when the farmer had been able more juſtly to eſtimate the neat produce of the year after ſeed time, might be found neceſſary. The firſt was, that a permiſſion ſhould be inſerted in the bill, for repealing it during this ſeſſion, if it ſhould be found inconvenient; the other a ſimilar permiſſion to his majeſty in council, to ſuſpend or repeal any part of it during the vacation of Parliament.

The committee agreed to his reſolution, which was reported to the houſe, and leave obtained to bring in a bill conformable to it.

SILK.

Mr. Ryder moved to conſider the bill for permitting the importation of unmanufactured ſilk in neutral bottoms, which was agreed to, and a committee of the whole houſe ordered for the purpoſe to-morrow.

LONDON, OCTOBER 26.

INVASION OF ENGLAND.

As the members of oppoſition have affected to queſtion the exiſtence of any intention, on the part of the French government, to make a deſcent on this country, the teſtimony of a general officer who ſerved the republic during three years, and who was acquainted with the plans and deſigns of the Directory, will ſuffice to expel all doubts on the ſubject. We have, therefore, extracted the following paſſage from the memoirs of general Danican, entitled, "The Banditti Unmaſked;" a tranſlation of which we are happy to find is now in the preſs.

"This expedition (a deſcent upon England) which is not ſo chimerical as ſome perſons affect to believe, has two principal objects;—Firſt, to lay waſte a rich and flouriſhing country, by the introduction of Robeſpierrean liberty;—and ſecondly, in the event of a ſeparate peace with the Emperor to get rid of that maſs of Belgians, Liegeois, and other troops, for which the Directory will have no further occaſion, and which they may ſend to periſh in ſome country or other.

"For a long time, the immenſe riches of England have been holden out as a bait to the republicans; the perſons deſtined to command this famous deſcent, rely on meeting with powerful friends, particularly in Ireland. They publicly boaſt that they ſhall be received with open arms, and ſeconded by a numerous party. The plans for carrying this deſign into execution are all ſettled; and the moment is probably not far diſtant, when ambition will come to expire with rage on an iſle, whoſe inhabitants are real patriots, and in which the general ſafety preſcribes the neceſſity of reſtraining with vigor the partizans of anarchical liberty, oppreſſive equality, and wretched fraternity."

NEW MILITIA LAW.

In conſequence of the dread of an invaſion, parliament has prepared a bill for eſtabliſhing a corps of ſelect militia, from which a certain number are to be drafted, organized, diſciplined, and to take the field for a certain number of days; when new drafts are to be made, and take the place of the firſt, who return to their homes; and ſo in ſucceſſion. This ſelect militia, which thus prepared, and will be kept ready to muſter at a moment's warning, is to conſiſt of 63,681 men. An oath is to be adminiſtered to each man when drafted, purporting that he is a Proteſtant, that he acknowledges allegiance to his majeſty, and that he will ſerve for the defence of the realm during the exiſtence of this act. Fifteen pounds is the penalty for a neglect or refuſal of ſervice, when drafted, or to take the oath.

Mrs. King, the lady of the American miniſter, was introduced to the king, queen, and princeſſes, on the 20th inſtant.

Yeſterday a board was held at the admiralty office, Whitehall, when ſeven freſh ſhips were ordered to be commiſſioned directly.

An expreſs was received at the ſecretary of ſtate's office yeſterday from Dover, which announces the ſafe arrival of lord Malmſbury and ſuite at Calais, from whence they ſet forward with the appointed eſcort to Paris, where they were expected to arrive laſt night.

The Empreſs of Ruſſia, it is ſtated in an article from Germany, has publiſhed a declaration, in which ſhe affirms; that ſhe will protect the ancient conſtitution of the empire, as guarantee of the treaty of Weſtphalia, and will ſend 100,000 men, to be at the diſpoſal of the court of Vienna, for the re-eſtabliſhment and defence of the conſtitution of the Empire.

Married at Peterſburg in Ruſſia, October 4. The King of Sweden to the Ruſſian Princeſs Alexandria Pawlowna.

FRANKFORT, OCTOBER 11.

The following is a ſtatement of the poſition of the Auſtrian troops in the theatre of war in Germany, ſo far as it is at preſent known:

General F[illegible], in conjunction with generals Craven and Wolf, is poſted between the ſmall rivers of Schus and Argen, which fall into the lake of Conſtance.

General Latour is on the Danube, near Ulm, Biberach, &c.

Count Nauendorf, in conjunction with him.

General Petrafch is in the valley of Kinzig, and the Black Foreſt.

The Archduke Charles, General Wartenſleben, and General Strader are near Ruel in Swabia.

General Hotze is in the lines near Lauter.

General Wurmſer on the Nidda.

General Manfredi and Gen. Kray are oppoſite Mayence, and General Werneck is on the Sieg.

VIENNA, OCTOBER 1.

The Hungarian Aſſembly of the ſtates, from which ſo much is expected, will, it is ſaid, laſt three weeks.

The Prince of Eſterhazy will alone preſent the Emperor with 200,000 florins, and 100 huſſars. The number of Croats which paſs through the vicinity of Vienna to the army, is inconceivably great.

A ſolemn proceſſion has been held at Prague as a thankſgiving for the delivery of Bohemia from the danger with which it was threatened by the republicans.

Forty thouſand recruits, it is ſaid, will be raiſed in that part of Poland which is the new acquiſition of Ruſſia.

HAGUE, OCTOBER 11.

Laſt Saturday another affray happended here between the French garriſon and the Dutch half brigade, ſupported by the regiment of Waldeck, in conſequence of which the convention decreed yeſterday, that in order to prevent ſimilar diſturbances for the future, our garriſon ſhall be reinforced by two ſquadrons of Dutch horſe.

About 100 ſhips are lying at Amſterdam, laden with Engliſh goods, the proprietors of which have received orders to unload them.

Great Falls of Potomac.

THE Preſident and Board of Directors having ordered me to conſiderably encreaſe the number of their hands,—I am ready to engage from 50 to 100 ſervants on liberal terms for one year.

Any perſon diſpoſed to ſend 20 hands, may ſend with their people an overſeer, who will have from 20 to 30 dollars per month, and have the ſole direction and charge of the people he brings.

The people will be allowed good rations, a blanket, and medical aſſiſtance, ſhould any ailment take place, a doctor being engaged for the uſe of the workers. I will alſo give good allowance to a woman who will cook for each ſquad. Application to be made to me perſonally or by letter directed thus,

CHRISTOPHER MYERS,
Engineer to the Potomac Comp.
MATILDA,
Via Alexandria.

December 30.

PHILIP WANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs that he has removed his Merchandize to his Store lately occupied by Jenny & Smith, in Prince Street, near Rickets and Newton's new buildings, where he is opening an extenſive aſſortment of HARDWARE, juſt received from Europe, and ſelected from ſeveral importations.

A few tons of Pot metal well aſſorted,
A quantity of ſad and ſmaller weights,
Seal Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs,
Cloves and Cinnamon.

N. B. Having convenient room, leaſed part of them, and receiving other articles for ſale upon commiſſion.

Caſh given for flax ſeed, white beans, beeswax, and various other kinds of produce.

October 29.

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AND

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

FROM THE GAZETTE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. FENNO,

As the queſtion concerning a land tax or a poll tax is becoming the ſubject of general converſation, perhaps the incloſed obſervations may not be thought improper by ſome of your readers. They are extracted from a letter that was publiſhed in 1782, in a neighbouring ſtate.

OF TAXES.

In all governments the relief of the poor ſhould be one of the chief objects of legiſlative attention.

Every citizen demands juſtice and protection from Government, theſe ſhould not, they cannot be refuſed; but the poor man has other claims; his wants and his ſufferings muſt be in proportion to his poverty; humanity requires that his ſufferings be relieved or prevented. Though the rich are not to be defrauded for the ſake of the poor, the laws in every ſtate ſhould be ſo framed as to encourage and aſſiſt the poor in their uſual employments. The neceſſary burdens of civil government ſhould be ſo faſhioned as to preſs on their ſhoulders, in the moſt convenient and eaſy manner. The general payment of taxes is neceſſary to the ſupport of government; but the payment of taxes in many caſes is difficult, in ſome impracticable by the poor man, without the ſale of his property by a public officer. Every misfortune of this kind ſhould be prevented if poſſible. Perhaps the moſt effectual mode of preventing the poor man from being diſtreſſed in the payment of taxes, is by ſubſtituting an exciſe in the place of a direct tax on property. In France, England, and Holland, the expences of government are chiefly raiſed by an exciſe. It has been frequently ſaid that when a ſubject or citizen is obliged to contribute a certain ſum for the uſe of government, there can be little difference by what name the tax is called, or how it is laid. No poſition can be more fallacious. A land tax or a poll tax are inevitable and poſitive taxes; they cannot be averted; the induſtrious cannot elude them; the unfortunate cannot eſcape them. Every citizen muſt take out his purſe and pay the amount, or his little furniture muſt be ſold. The exciſe is a negative tax; when it is laid on foreign goods no man is obliged to pay any part of it; when it is laid on luxuries no prudent man will pay much of it. It often happens that the moſt induſtrious citizens are diſtreſſed by domeſtic ſickneſs, or bad crops, in all ſuch caſes the exciſe operates as a relief to the unfortunate, for on ſuch years they buy no luxuries. Let us ſuppoſe a poll tax or a land tax of five dollars only; may it not happen that at the ſeaſon for collecting taxes, many of our fellow citizens will be found without five dollars in their poſſeſſion? It would be ſtrange if the pooreſt man, who is not a cripple, could not earn three times that ſum every year, beſides what is neceſſary for the ſupport of his family, but œconomy and foreſight are not characteriſtics of the poor; on the contrary, few men in the United States are poor, unleſs they are remarkably deficient in thoſe qualities.

Why then ſhould our laws ſuppoſe the citizen to have the quality that he certainly has not? Why ſhall they make it neceſſary for him to be treaſuring money for months, who never cared for to-morrow? The moſt indolent or the moſt careleſs citizen cannot poſſibly be incommoded by an exciſe. If he ſhould have no money during the year, nor any thing to ſell, he will buy [illegible] and conſequently will pay no [illegible]. Unleſs he be able to buy foreign commodities he will pay his exciſe. The exciſe is ſuppoſed chiefly to fall on articles of foreign make, and prudence will direct, that articles which are leaſt neceſſary, and ſuch as may ſooneſt come to perfection in our own country, ſhall bear the greateſt ſhare in the exciſe. The natural operation of ſuch taxes is favorable to the poor. No man pays the tax who is not able and willing to buy luxuries or foreign articles, therefore it is voluntary. The man who is diligent has leſs occaſion for ſuch articles, therefore it is a ſpur to induſtry. In a word, all taxes on property are burdens on the good citizen; they diſcourage induſtry. All taxes on conſumption are taxes on diſſipation and luxury; they puniſh idleneſs, and promote induſtry. Can we heſitate in making our choice?

The revenue of the Roman empire in its proſperous days, aroſe chiefly from an exciſe and cuſtoms. That jealous and wiſe nation did not readily ſubmit to a land tax. There was a waſteful trade carried on between Rome and the Eaſt-Indies by way of the Red Sea. By that trade much ſilver, near four millions of dollars, was annually exported from the empire, and we have reaſon to conclude from the allegations of Pliny, that Eaſt-India goods were forced to contribute, by an exciſe of more than twenty millions per annum to the revenue. A land tax and poll tax were in early uſe through the Roman provinces, but they do not appear to have been generally impoſed on the Roman people before the reign of Galenius, the ſucceſſor of Dioclelian. From that period direct taxes became univerſal. What was the condition of the Roman people under an adminiſtration of cuſtoms, exciſe, and other indirect taxes, when compared with the times in which the land tax and poll tax became general? It was an age of gold, compared to that of iron. Humanity is ſhocked by the tales of woe that are told concerning the poor of that age. Parents are ſaid to have ſold their children and to have ſold themſelves into ſlavery, in order to ſhun the burden of taxes.

I have ſaid that an exciſe is more favourable to the poor than a land or poll tax; I will venture an additional ſentiment. There never was any government in which an exciſe could be of ſo much uſe as in the United States of America. In all other countries taxes of every ſort are a ſpecies of grievance. In the United States an exciſe on foreign goods would not be a grievance; like wholeſome food it would give us ſtrength. It would help to cloſe that waſteful dram by which our honor and our wealth are conſumed. What though we did not owe a ſtorm to any foreign nation; though we had no domeſtic debt and though the expences of government could be ſupported for many years without taxes, ſtill it may be queſtioned whether an exciſe on foreign articles would not be prudent. It is the beſt expedient by which we can promote domeſtic manufactures and the condition in which we now live—our general dependence on foreign countries for arms and clothing is diſhonourable,—it is dangerous.

A PARALLEL TO CAPTAIN JESSUP'S CASE.

The brig William, Capt. Benjamin Henderſon, belonged to Mr. William Gray, jun. of Salem, Maſſachuſetts. On a voyage from Point-a-Petre, ſhe was captured by the privateer Prince William Henry, and carried to St. Kitts, where ſome French property ſhe had on board was taken out and condemned. After her departure from St. Kitts, ſhe was met with on the 19th October, 1793, by the French privateer Citizen Genet, which had left Philadelphia ten days before. The privateer obliged Capt. Henderſon to hoiſt out his boat and bring his papers on board, which being done, he was aſked to whom the French ſugar on board belonged? He replied, to William Gray, of Salem.—Upon which the perſon who aſked the queſtion, and who he underſtood was the French captain, called him *a damned liar*, and walking forward ſpoke to the men; five ſailors immediately advanced, took Capt. Henderſon by the collar, dragged him to one of the guns, where they held him, cut his trouſers behind, and beat him with an lathes on the bare fleſh, until he was black and blue. On expoſtulating on this extraordinary treatment of a neutral veſſel, he was told, *that the Americans were a parcel of damned raſcals, and did not deſerve better treatment.* On captain Henderſon being diſmiſſed, ſix French ſailors were ſent with him on board the William: thoſe immediately fell to ranſacking the veſſel, and plundered in cash and goods to the amount of about 350l. Before ſhe was diſmiſſed, however, four Bermudian ſailors, who were priſoners on board the privateer, were put on board her, altho' captain Henderſon urged, that he had ſcarcely proviſions enough for his own crew: the conſequence was, that captain Henderſon was under the neceſſity of retrenching the allowance of all the ſhip's company, himſelf included.

The foregoing is preſented to the public as an accurate ſtatement: the occurrence is known to many: and Mr. Gray is now in poſſeſſion of authentic proofs to ſupport it.

FROM THE NEW-YORK GAZETTE.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Corporation of the City of New-York.

GENTLEMEN,

AS I always take pleaſure in contributing (as far as my poor abilities permit) towards the good of mankind, I have taken the liberty to lay before you my thoughts reſpecting the late fires; and if I am not able to prevent them, I may with a degree of certainty, convince you that there is a better method to extinguiſh them than you have at preſent. Being born in the city of London, and having had many opportunities of being an eye witneſs to the amazing effects of the FLOATING ENGINES, it ſurpriſes me that you are without them, as no city in the world is better ſituated for water. Two engines would be ſufficient for the purpoſe, which may be brought from London, and here fixt in proper barges: the coſt I will anſwer will not be more than 800l. Proper moorings may be laid down for them, one oppoſite the Fly-Market, in the Eaſt River, the other oppoſite in the North-River, they will then be ready to move to any part where the fire ſhould break out, and in that ſituation they will be able with the aſſiſtance of leather pipes of ſufficient length, to meet and jointly play to the top of any houſe in William-ſtreet—Strange as this may appear, the fact may be depended on. I have ſeen them play to the top of a houſe at as great a diſtance; but if the fire ſhould break out near the water ſide, as was the caſe at Murray's wharf, the whole block of houſes would have been ſaved, as they would have diſcharged more than a ton of water in a minute. You will want no buckets, nor need you fear the want of water as long as there is any in the rivers. The barges are conſtructed with wells like thoſe of your fiſhing boats; and a very few men (ſay twelve) will be ſufficient to work one. Great fires have been very frequent in London, but ſince the invention of floating engines, which is of a very few years back, fires near the water ſide have been ſoon got under and with little trouble. With an honeſt hope, that you gentlemen, will take the above into your ſerious conſideration, I ſubmit it to your and the public's eye.

S. HOWARD.

My ſtate of health will not admit, or I ſhould do myſelf the favor of perſonally waiting on you.

New-Jerſey S. H.

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE.

Some of Mr. Fenno's correſpondents have undertaken to aſperſe thoſe citizens of Baltimore, who waited on commodore Barney, to congratulate him on his return to his native country and friends. They complimented him, not as a French officer, but as an old and reſpected acquaintance—nor ſaw they any impropriety in this effuſion of joy. But Mr. Fenno's writers ſay that Mr. Barney has come with inſtructions in his pocket to capture all American veſſels, and that the citizens of Baltimore, actuated by Jacobinical principles and French phrenzy, turn out to buzza for his ſucceſs! They have advanced a groundleſs aſſertion, as far as reſpects orders for the capture of our veſſels; and I am indeed ſorry to ſee them ſo glaringly expoſe their ignorance, both as to the principles of the gentleman in queſtion, and the ſentiments of the citizens of Baltimore. I believe that Mr. Barney, rather than be the inſtrument of injury and oppreſſion to his native country—a country which every human tie muſt endear, would immediately reſign the command he now holds, and retire with the gratification of having obtained an ample recompence for the injuries and loſſes he ſuſtained from the object of his reſentment. And as for the citizens of Baltimore, I aſſert it, and deny it who can, that if war were to break out between this country and France, none would be better prepared, or more willing to ſtep forth, to aſſert their rights, and gloriouſly die for the dear bought liberty and independence of their country. No French fraternity for us. MONTGOMERY.

ASSIZE OF BREAD.

THE Three-penny Loaf to weigh 13 ounces—the price of warranted good Superfine Flour this day from 45 to 48.

JOHN LONGDON, Clk. Market.

January 12.

VENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be expoſed for ſale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water ſtreets)

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the ſale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and ſelling of ſuch articles therein between the times of public ſales as may be on limitation. They likewiſe offer their ſervices in tranſacting any kind of Commiſſion Buſineſs.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th, 1796.

Potomac Company.

FOR SALE at the Union Tavern, in George Town, thirteen ſhares in the Potomac Company, on the firſt Monday in March next, unleſs in the mean time the proprietors of the ſaid ſhares pay to the treaſurer the debt and intereſt due thereon. And the ſtockholders of the additional capital are required to pay to Wm. Hartſhorne, treaſurer of the ſaid company, ten per cent. on the amount of each ſhare by them held on or before the firſt day of March next enſuing the date hereof.

TOBIAS LEAR, Preſident.
JAMES KEITH,
JOHN MASON, } Directors.

January 12. 5w

For Sale.

NEAR the Great Falls of Potomac, in Loudoun county, 4 or 500 acres of Land ſufficiently level for farming. About 100 acres are cleared and but little worn. This tract is well watered, and contains ſeveral acres of natural meadow. The timber is oak, hickory, and cheſnut, and there is on one part of it a ſufficiency of the latter alone to incloſe perhaps the whole. Mr. Robert Reed who at preſent lives on the premiſſes will ſhew the land to any perſon wiſhing to view it, and the terms may be known by a letter directed to the ſubſcriber, and left at the Poſt Office, Alexandria.

T. FAIRFAX.

January 12. 5w

Alexandria, January 12.

On Wednesday night, the 4th inst. an attempt was made by some daring villains to get into the Treasury office of this State.—They made their way good through the outer door, by cutting two holes near the upper and lower bolts, large enough to admit one of their hands—by which means they got out the two large bolts. After getting into the passage, they drove a large wedge between the folding outward door of the Treasury considerably above the lock, and forced it wide enough to get a crow bar in.—Being alarmed (as it conjectured), they desisted and left the implements standing in the doors as above described till next morning.

We have been favored (says the Aurora) with a Madrid Gazette containing a manifesto of the Spanish court and declaration of war against Great Britain dated the 5th October.

A letter from Cadiz dated Oct. 24, and inclosing the above manifesto, mentions an engagement between the British frigate Terpsichore of 44 guns and the Spanish frigate Mahoneza of 34; the latter, after a contest in which she had 27 men killed, was taken and carried into Gibraltar.

FROM EUROPE.

NEW-LONDON, DECEMBER 31.

By the ship Hope, captain Edgerton, who arrived here last evening, in 36 days from Liverpool, we have received London and Liverpool papers, to November 17, 1796, from which we have extracted the following important articles.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12.

The three Hamburgh mails due since Wednesday last, arrived in town this morning. By the letters which they bring, it appears that general Wurmser gained a complete victory over the French at Marmirola, on the 7th ult. The loss of the latter in the action, was between four and five thousand men killed and taken, besides several pieces of cannon, many ammunition waggons, all their magazines, and military chest.

Letters from Heidelberg of the 27th ult. confirm the accounts of the signal advantages obtained by the Archduke over general Moreau, between the 12th and 22d of October. The loss of the Austrians on this occasion was about 2000 men, that of the French was considerably greater, some accounts making it amount to 8000 men. It seems to have been the object of Moreau to raise the siege of Kehl, with a view to secure a retreat over the Rhine at Strasburgh; but the activity of the archduke had defeated this scheme; and after several actions, in which he must have sustained very great loss, he was compelled to make good his passage at Huninguen.

LIVERPOOL, NOV. 11.

Yesterday an account was received from Dover, stating that intelligence had been communicated by the Telegraph to Lisle, a few hours before the sailing of a vessel from Calais arrived there—that an engagement had taken place between the Austrian general Alvintzy and the French general Massena, on the 20th ult. near Trielle, in which the former were defeated; the French having made about 3000 Croats and a number of officers prisoners.—The cannon and all the baggage of the Austrians also fell into their hands.

OFFENBOURG, OCT. 21.

On the 18th inst. General Moreau endeavoured to penetrate with all his force to the vicinity of Kastingen, to raise the blockade of Kehl, and procure himself a free passage over the Rhine. —The action was obstinate and bloody, but as soon as the Hungarian grenadiers, headed by the Archduke Charles, came up, they fell like lions on the enemy, and forced them to retreat.

On the 19th the Austrians again attacked the French in the neighbourhood of Riegela. This battle was likewise very bloody. Gen. Wartensleben was wounded in the left arm by a grape shot. The loss of the French is very considerable, and they have been obliged to abandon Eltzach and Emmendingen.

The head quarters of the Archduke Charles were removed on the 20th from Herbeltheim to Emmendingen. The Austrian troops have again entered Freyburg, victorious, and the communication between Gen. Moreau and the corps which had advanced to Huningen, is cut off.

FELLBOURGH, OCTOBER 22.

After a continued fighting for four days, the Austrians have driven the enemy from Eltzach, and out of Fribourg, into which they yesterday entered.—The advantages cost them about 2000 men; but the enemy, according to the account of the French generals themselves, lost between 5 and 6000 men, among which are 2000 prisoners. The French general Beaupais is killed.

RASTADT, OCTOBER 23.

On the 19th, the Archduke attacked the French with his whole army, along the valley of Eltzach, by Simonswald and Ending, to the Rhine, and totally defeated them.

On the 7th, Marshal Wurmser, with the greatest part of his army, attacked the French at Marmirolo—The battle lasted seven hours, and ended in the route of the French, who lost between four and five thousand men, in killed, wounded, and prisoners; several pieces of cannon, ammunition waggons, all their magazines, 202 oxen, and their military chest. The defeat was complete, and the Austrian cavalry pursued the French quite to Verona. The slaughter was dreadful, as the Austrians gave no quarter on the road from Mantua to Verona.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 6.

The Dey of Algiers is exerting himself in the most spirited manner to maintain the independence of his ports! The English having infringed that independence, and taken a Spanish frigate there, the Algerines have reclaimed it, and are preparing their whole maritime force!

General Bournonville to the Executive Directory.

Mulheim, 3d Brumaire.

I had the honour to give you an account yesterday of the attack of the army, made by the enemy in the night between the 29th and 30th Vendemaire, upon the head of the bridge and the Isle of Neuwied; he had projected nothing less than to make the garrisons prisoners of war, and to raise the works, and finally to cut off the communication of the left wing with the right. This affair cost the enemy, more than 4000 men.

BOURNONVILLE.

BRUSSELS, OCT. 6.

General Bournonville, on account of the want of discipline in his army has declared, that all those who were so disorderly as to pillage, should be shot without mercy.

DOMESTIC.

AUGUSTA, DECEMBER 17.

On Saturday night last, about 9 o'clock, an attempt was made to fire the town, by lodging coals of fire wrapped up in a cotton rag, and deposited in a heap of shavings in the cellar of Mr. Crefwell's brick house, in Broad-street,—the smoke was observed by Mrs. Crefwell, and a person observed from the opposite side of the street to run from that house,—a quick alarm being given, captain Watkins and some gentlemen of the infantry company made a diligent search and succeeded so far in their pursuit that the person was fired on,—a rope across a lot in which the incendiary was, being unobserved by the pursuers, suddenly checked their career and overturned every man engaged in the pursuit;—to this unfortunate accident may be attributed the escape, (at this time,) of this daring villain;—a fellow, who calls himself a Spaniard, was apprehended on Sunday morning by Mr. Liverman, who has exerted himself in a manner that demands the attention of his fellow citizens, to bring to justice the perpetrators of this horrid attempt; he is, we are informed, sent under a guard for Savannah, as several articles, found in his possession, and others which he disposed of are supposed to have been plundered during the late fire at Savannah.—A meeting of the inhabitants on Sunday entered into arrangements for a night guard of ten men, to perform duty each night, for the better security of this place; and from the general alacrity shewn on this occasion, we have no doubt that the strictest vigilance will be exercised in consequence of the association, and that whatever further may present itself as expedient for our defence (as it may too justly be styled) we have no doubt will be entered into.

SAVANNAH, DECEMBER 23.

On Saturday morning last, this city was again alarmed by fire, which was discovered in the stable-loft of Mr. Edward Harden—from circumstances, it appeared to be designedly set on fire but we do not learn that any proof has yet been ascertained.

NEW-YORK, JANUARY 7.

Extract of a letter from a respectable Merchant in New London, dated the 1st inst.

"By a vessel arrived here in a short passage from Liverpool, we have London accounts to the 15th Nov. Accounts are different with respect to Lord Malmesbury's embassy; from his long tarrying at Paris, it is supposed something pacific will take place. The French have been severely beaten by the Archduke: Moreau was obliged to re-cross the Rhine on the 26th of October. In the London Gazette he is said to have been greatly harrassed in his retreat, and that he lost much of his baggage, cannon, &c. It is said that most of the French generals are tired of Liberty and Equality, and wish to resign. The news from the army of Italy, is, that Wurmser made a sally from Mantua, on the 7th October, and routed Buonaparte, with great loss; all his magazines were destroyed, four or five thousand men were killed, and 200 oxen were taken. Other accounts say, Wurmser made another sally about the 17th, and destroyed all their works, and put a great number to the sword; a few more such strokes will oblige the French to abandon Italy."

SENTIMENTAL ANECDOTE.

Mr. Peale, of Philadelphia, gave the receipts of his Museum on Wednesday the 4th inst. (amounting to 144 dollars) to the sufferers at Savannah. After a polite address to those who promoted his humane intention, he relates the following anecdote.

A middle aged woman, with modest address, approached the museum door; her dress bespoke that her wants were supplied by industry;—at that moment a small company came, for whom the doors were opened, and she followed them. The good woman stopped to let them pass, and then very courteously demanded what was the price of entrance?—only one quarter of a dollar—here, said she, holding out her hand, with two quarters; it is my master, and was turning away.—But stay, madam, won't you walk into the museum?—Not now, she replied, there is company enough there without me, and I will find a quarter to pay for seeing it some other day, and retired uttering pathetic benedictions.

ROBERT SMOCK,

AT his Dry Good Store in Fairfax-Street, opposite the Store of Mr. Bryan Hampton, offers for sale, under the direction of Mr. William Stuart, either for cash, flour, wheat, barley, rye, Indian corn, oats, buckwheat, &c. for which a generous market price will be given, the following Merchandize on terms highly advantageous to the purchaser, viz.

Superfine and second 7-4 broad cloth.
Common 5-4 to 6-4 do.
Elastic & forest do.
Double milled drabs,
Plain & printed cassimeres,
Printed and rambor'd cassimere vest pieces
Swansdown & printed velvet do.
Printed and ambor'd do.
Coatings & dussils,
Kerseys & plains,
Halfthicks and keodal, or negro cottons,
Flannels & baizes,
Rose & Indian blankets,
Green, blue, & mottled rugs,
English and Scotch carpets,
Yard & ½ yd. wide carpeting by the yard,
Ladies' scarlet cloaks assorted,
Fulled, yarn, and worsted caps,
Mens' & boy's worsted gloves & yarn mitts,
Mens' & boys' worsted, yarn, & plaid hosiery,
Women and childrens' colour'd do.
Camblet & cambletees,
Wildbore, durant, & Joan's spinning,
Morean, callimanco, & bombazett,
Crape & black satinets,
Velvet and velveretts,
Corduroy, thickset, and royal ribb,
Fancy cord jeans & bever fustians,
Marseilles quilting, dimities, and muslinetts,
Plain & sprigg'd Jackonet muslins,
Plain & sprigg'd book muslin,
Kenting and spotted lawn,
Book & jaconet muslin handkerchiefs,
Book & jaconet muslin apron patterns,
Mens' plain and tamboured muslin handkerchiefs and cravats,
Large lawn & cambricks,
Chintzes, callicoes, & Ginghams,
Cotton and muslin dawls,
Cotton and linen pocket handkerchiefs,
Irish linens,
Russia sheeting and Russia duck,
Brown holland, dowlas, and tickenbergs,
German oznaburgs, and hempen rolls,
Plain & striped lacking,
Bed bunts & ticken,
Sheeting & apron check,
Silk, cotton, and thread hosiery,
Coloured satins and modes,
Persians & sarsanet,
Flag & spotted Bandanno silk handkerchiefs,
Ribbons assorted,
Silk, galloon, and worsted bindings,
Fringe, lace, & edging,
Coloured and oznaburg thread,
Nuns' thread, sewing silk, and twist, assorted,
Tapes, bobbin, &c.
Ladies' silk mitts & kid gloves,
Mens' buckskin and beaver do.
Ladies' coloured furr hats,
Mens' and boy's furr and wool do.
Buttons assorted,
Razors & razor cases, with implements,
Pocket & penknives,
Knives & forks,
Pruning knives and scissars,
Shoe buckles & knee buckles,
Snuff boxes,
Brass & other candle sticks,
Glass & queen's ware assorted,
5-4 white & printed cottons at 18d. per yard,
Souchong, hyson-skin, young hyson, and imperial teas.

He leaves himself from the care he will take in procuring the best and cheapest goods, and of those peculiarly adapted to the use of this country, as he will only dispose of them for cash or produce—thereby being enabled to sell on the very lowest terms,—that it will be the interest of store keepers in the country, as well farmers as others to make trial of his store.

ROBERT SMOCK.

January 12.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE,

A FEW OF

The President's Address,

Price 3-16ths of a Dollar.

FOR SALE,

A FEW DINING SETS OF ELEGANT

NANKEEN CHINA,

consisting of 189 pieces each.

Liverpool and Cadiz salt in bulk; and salt in sacks—

300 quarter chests Tea of different kinds—

Rum puncheons Jamaica, W. Island and continental Rum—

Madeira, Sherry, Lisbon, Teneriffe, Malaga, Corfica and Port Wines, in hhds. pipes and quarter casks—

French brandy, Holland gin, London bottled porter—

Loaf sugar in barrels, Muscovado sugars—

Coffee—

Cotton in bags.

Rice, indigo, fig blue, copperas, madder roſin, ball mullard in bottles, pepper, pimento, nutmegs, mace, cloves, cassia, capers, olives in bottles and jars, anchovies in jugs.

Soal leather of the best quality—Salt-petre, refined and crude—white and brown soap, dipped and mould candles of Philadelphia manufacture—race and ground ginger—Leiper's snuff of different qualities in bladders and bottles.

Also, one box of 7-8 and one do. 4-4 Irish linen, well assorted.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

October 19. tf

UNION BREWERY.

Strong & Table Beer

is now ready to be delivered to purchasers at the Union Brew-House.

Nov. 29. tf.

GEORGE DRINKER and SAMUEL STANSBURY having entered into partnership under the firm of

Drinker and Stansbury,

In the store formerly occupied by George Drinker, have now opened a general assortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery and Brass Wares, Castings, &c.

White Lead Ground in Oil

Spanish Brown do. do.

Yellow Ochre do. do.

Red lead; Prussian blue; patent yellow vermilion; verdigrise; chalk; whiting and putty; 7-8, 8-10, 9-11 and 10-12 window glass; powder and shot; copal and common varnish; spirits of turpentine; batters trimmings; aquia fortis; quick silver; logwood and glue; white soap; mould and dipp'd candles; slates; brushes; corks, &c. &c.

ALSO,

A small assortment of DRY GOODS wholesale, consisting of cloths, cassimers, muslins, hosiery, modes, nankeens ribbons &c. July 14

Rob. Patton & Ch. Scott

HAVE received by sundry vessels from Europe, their Fall supply of Goods, which they are now opening for sale, at their Wholesale Store, King-street.

N. B. They have single and double F Gun-powder, which they will sell by the quantity or cask. Seine Twine by the bundle or larger quantity.

November 5.

Jackson & Dunnington,

HAVE just received and for sale, at their Store in King Street,

A Small Assortment of

HARDWARE,

Consisting of

Copper and Iron Tea Kettles, Gridirons, Chafing Dishes, Box Coffee Mills, Pad Locks, Frying Pans, Spades and Shovels, Razor Straps, Shaving Boxes, Shoe and Heath Brushes, best steel plate Hand Saws, Carpenter's Rules, Powder and Shot, Gun Worms, Shovels and Tongs, 8d. 10d. and 20d. Nails, &c. &c.

November 22.

Andrew & Wm. Ramlay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, via. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter casks of

PORT WINE,

of a very superior quality which they now offer for sale at their warehouse, King-street.

They have also on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter casks. Lisbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter casks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well assorted bar iron.

Dec. 6 tf

THE subscriber offers for sale the following valuable Property:—The Farm on which he now lives, known by the name of CLIFTON MILLS, containing 230 acres, about 70 of which are cleared and under good fencing, situate in Loudoun County, Virginia, near the turnpike road leading from Alexandria, through a gap of the Blue Ridge, to Alexandria, from which place, the City of Washington, and George Town, it is distant about 30 miles. The improvements are a large and well constructed Merchant Mill, with two water wheels and three pair of stones, two of which are burrs—the is in complete repair, with the whole of Evans's machinery, and is capable of manufacturing 300 barrels Flour per week, A saw Mill. A large new stone distillery, forty feet square, with a sufficient quantity of copper to make 50 gallons of spirits per day. A house for the distiller, miller, cooper, waggoner, and blacksmith, with their several shops, &c. A new frame dwelling House, two stories high, with two chimnies and four rooms, handsomely finished, with kitchen, stables, &c. The Mill and Distillery, in point of situation and convenience are inferior to none. Also, the following parcels of Land in Kentucky—10,000 acres on the Red River, in the county of Clarke; 6091½ acres on the waters of Big Sandy, in the county of Bourbon; 4,685 acres in Madison county, within 7 or 8 miles of the Court house; 3,910 acres on the waters of the Rolling Fork, in Nelson county; 3,600 acres on the waters of Stinking Creek, Lincoln county, on which there is a very valuable Salt spring; and 7,500 acres, within three miles of Bullitt's salt works. Also, a tract of Land in the county of Allegheny, and state of Pennsylvania, containing 500 acres, together with a waggon and team of 5 good young Horses. To any person who will purchase the whole of the above property, the terms will be easy and accommodating. Cash, lots in the Town of Alexandria, Alexandria Bank Stock, or Morris and Nicholson's paper will be taken in payment for the whole or any part.

JOSEPH LEWIS, Jun.

Clifton, Nov. 28. 12wep

For Sale,

A Merchant, Grist, and Saw Mill, in the county of Loudoun, about ten miles from Leesburg, with about 100 acres of land, one half low ground, cleared, and under a good fence. The other half in woods. The Mill house is built of stone, two stories high, 56 feet long, and 40 wide, one pair of large burr stone, and a pair of short bill stones, for country work. She is well calculated for merchant work, situate on Goose creek, on a never failing stream, about 40 miles from Alexandria, and the same distance from the Federal city. There is on the premises a good miller's house, store house, granery, and stable. The store house is well finished, a large stone chimney, with three fire places, with a kitchen and cellar under the house, well adapted to the accommodation of a small family, and if not sold will be rented to any person that may apply. There is also on the premisses another house not far from the mill, newly built, with two rooms, a stone chimney with two fire places, which will answer a family that may work the farm. One third part of the money to be paid down, the other two thirds in two yearly payments, to be secured, either by a morigage on the premises, or personal security. Apply to the subscriber on the premises.

SIMON TRIPLETT.

December 13.

IN order to comply with contracts, I will sell for approved bonds, on three equal annual payments, a square of Lots at the upper end of Fredericksburg, beginning opposite to the lower corner of Dr. Weford's, on Caroline Street, and running up the cross street leading to Fitzhugh's ferry, and from thence back to Sophia street. This square I have laid off into 24 lots, 27½ feet front, and 122 back; 12 on Caroline street, and 12 on Sophia street. Nine of those on Caroline street I have leased on an annual ground rent of 8 or 10 pounds, to the amount of 74 pounds, and the vacant lots a purchaser would enhance the value of by building small houses, which will as readily procure tenants as pots or gourds will marrips in the spring, and yield a greater profit in proportion to their cost than large buildings. Those who incline to purchase may know the terms by applying to

HENRY FITZHUGH.

Bell-Air, Dec. 8.

APPRENTICES INDENTURES FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Cheap Goods.

Will absolutely be sold at FREESTONE COST AND CHARGES for cash only, under the direction of Mr. William Hickman, opposite to M'Knight's Tavern, from

6 to 7000 pounds worth

of Goods—a large proportion of which are just arrived from England, and now opening—They consist of broad cloths of every denomination, from 3s. to 17/6 sterl. per yard; cassimeres from 3/9 to 6s. sterl. plain and fancy cloths from 15d. to 4s. per yard, plain and striped coatings, kerseys and halfthicks, a large assortment of flannels and baizes of every usual colour, from 39s. to 90s. sterl. per piece, wildbores, bombazets, durants, calimancoes, and moreens, rugs, Irish linens, sheetings, cotton and linen checks, brown Silesia's, striped cotton and linen, twilled velvets and velverets, handsome Brunswick and fancy cords, corduroys, queen's cord, thicksetts, fustians, and other Manchestry, a large assortment of printed cottons, callicoes, and chintzes, printed linen and cotton and check linen and silk handkerchiefs, women's, men's, girls, and boys' cotton, worsted, and yarn hose, women's and men's lamb, kid, beaver, Venetian, and silk gloves and mitts, silk cloaks, lutestrings, modes, satins, and vellums, best white chapel needles, pins, tapes, laces, fereting, worsted and cotton bindings, cotton cord and tassels, fringe, shirt buttons, pasle boards, women's and men's fine fur hats, gilt plated and common metal coat and vest buttons, sewing silk and twist, ivory and bone handle table and carving knives and forks, a large assortment of bridle bits and stirrup irons, surfingle, girth, and bridle buckles, saddle staples and plates, iron rim and stock locks, HL hinges and thumb latches, hat looping and lining of all prices, large scale beams, chains and hooks of the best quality, brass counter scales, London Porter in bottles by the cask or dozen, and a variety of other articles too tedious to enumerate.

Purchasers of every description will be accommodated, and will find their interest in calling, as we are determined to close the sales if possible in five or six weeks.

JOSIAH WATSON,
JESSE SIMMS.

THE subscribers have imported in the last vessels from London, and Liverpool,

A CONSIDERABLE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL GOODS.

Which they will dispose of on liberal terms, by the piece or package, to punctual men.

Wm. B. MAGRUDER & CO.

George-Town, Nov. 3. epif.

Mandeville & Jamesson,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

Four boxes, } IRISH LINENS well
One Bale } assorted.

Twenty puncheons 4th proof Rum,
Fresh Raisins in kegs, boxes, & jars,
Do. Figs in frails and jars,
Do. Grapes in jars,
Soft shelled Almonds,
A few boxes Sweetmeats,
Do. Capers.

Also—Coarse and fine Salt, with a very general assortment of Groceries, which they will sell for cash, or at the usual credit.

☞ A good Clerk wanted.

Also, a Black Man to hire as a Porter by the year.

Dec. 8.

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax-street, in fee simple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampton's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 38 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The house is a large 2 story frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is also a frame stable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf street, 80 feet, running back 106 feet 6 inches to a 10 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now resides. This lot is subject to a ground rent of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY

JUST RECEIVED,

From New-York, and for sale by

STEPHEN ALLEY,

A general assortment of

Ladies', Gentlemens', and Childrens' SHOES, &c.

December 8.

For Charter,

THE BRIG

Virginia,

Burthen 300 hhds of tobacco.—For term apply to

SHREVE & LAWRASON.

Who have for sale—Queen's ware in crates, well assorted; glass ware; double Glocester cheese in kegs; Liverpool salt in sacks and loose; pipes in boxes; pearl barley in kegs; bar lead; candles by the box

Oct. 18. tf.

Bank of Alexandria.

January 2, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stock Holders of the Bank of Alexandria, that a dividend of five per cent on the Capital Stock of the Bank, for the half year, ending this day is declared, and will be ready to be paid to them, or their representatives, on Thursday next the 5th inst.

By order of the President & Directors.

GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

P. S. Those shares that have been subscribed since the 5th of July last, are entitled to a proportionate dividend.

GURDEN CHAPIN.

Bank of Alexandria,

December 14, 1796.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Bank of Alexandria, that an election will be held at the Court house in this town, on the third Monday in January next, for the purpose of choosing nine Directors of the said bank for the ensuing year, agreeable to charter.

By order of the President and Directors.

GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

For Sale.

A Tract of Land containing 2500 acres, lying immediately on the river Potomac, near Coan river in the county of Northumberland, Virginia. 1600 acres of which are the most valuable kind of low grounds on this river, between 300 and 400 acres heavily timbered, the whole perfectly level, the remainder is very high land, and exceedingly productive. The soil of this part is equal to any in the state in the cultivation of corn, wheat, tobacco, timothy, and small grain of all kinds. On this tract is a large commodious two story brick mansion house and out offices, a large brick stable, a valuable barn, corn house, and many other out houses, all in good repair. The orchard and garden contains a variety of valuable fruit trees, and the waters abound with fish and oysters. It is situated about a day's sail from Richmond, Alexandria, or Norfolk. For terms apply to the subscriber, who will take one half of the purchase money in approved western lands.

PRESLY THORNTON.

Northumberland House,
Virginia, Dec. 22.

Wanted Immediately,

AN Overseer on the shares, on Shanadoah river, to work ten fellows with good horses, &c. found. The land is very good, and a very good share will be allowed. Any person that may suit, will no doubt produce satisfactory testimony of his ability honesty, sobriety and industry. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Korn and Wise-miller, Alexandria, or to John Holker on Shenandoah river, Frederick County.

Nov. 25. 3m epf

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber on the 18th inst. a likely young negro woman named ESTHER, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, inclining to fatness. Had on when she went off a grey cloth jacket and brown petticoat. It is presumed however that her dress has been since changed, as she has taken away with her valuable clothes to a considerable amount. The above reward with charges will be paid for securing her in any goal, so that I get her again.

ROB. B. JAMESSON.

N. B. Wanted to purchase or hire, a negro boy of a good character.

December 29.

I DO decline to the world, that THOMAS MAGRUDER, of Port Royal, is a proven COWARD, and a trifling puppy.

RICHARD BUCKNER, Jun.

Port Royal, December 30.

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